

Special Session

Agenda Item #	8
Meeting Date	14 June 2004
Prepared By	Ivy Thompson, Community Development Specialist
Approved By	Richard M. Finn City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Approving FY05 Program Open Space Allocations
Background	<p>Program Open Space (POS) is entering its 35th year. The City has been invited to submit projects for inclusion in the Montgomery County Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) FY 2005 Annual Program Request. Attached for your approval is a listing of the acquisition and development projects proposed for the POS program in FY05.</p> <p>The FY05 allocation for the City of Takoma Park is \$51,368. Additional funds have been identified by the County for City projects, bring the total of POS funds available for eligible projects to \$160,120. Of this amount, \$27,500 has been earmarked for the third installment of the Sligo Mill purchase.</p> <p>The FY 2005 Annual Program request includes the Community Center (Ward 1) as the development project and the Sligo Mill (Ward 3) property as the acquisition project for FY 2005. The Annual Program submission does not bind the City to pursue any particular project, but must include any projects the City would undertake during the fiscal year. Unallocated funds are carried over to subsequent program years.</p> <p>In FY 2004 the Maryland Board of Public Works approved the City's applications to use POS funds to redevelop the Toatley-Frasier Park (Ward 5), the Thomas Siegler Carriage House (Ward 1), and the Community Center project (Ward 1).</p>
Policy	The Council reviews proposals for Program Open Space on an annual basis and adopts a supporting resolution which is submitted to the Montgomery County - Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission. The City Council is responsible for adopting the Open Space Annual Program Report for FY05.
Fiscal Impact	Acquisition projects are 100% funded via POS and development projects require a Twenty-five percent (25%) local match. Estimated acquisition and development costs total \$132,620.00. The balance, \$7,620, would be carried over for future projects.
Attachments	Open Space Annual Program Report for Fiscal Year 2005.
Recommendation	To review and adopt the attached resolution.
Special Consideration	The Annual Program Request is due Friday, June 18, 2004.

Introduced by:

Resolution No. 2004 -
Program Open Space Annual Program

WHEREAS, the Council has directed that the City's Fiscal Year 2005 State Program Open Space Annual Program include both acquisition and development projects; AND

WHEREAS, the acquisition of Sligo Mill Property is a joint project with Montgomery County Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission; AND

WHEREAS, the Community Center is a State approved development project; AND

WHEREAS, the Annual Program does not bind the City to pursue any particular project, but must include any projects the City undertakes during a given fiscal year; AND

WHEREAS, acquisition projects are fully funded by Maryland's Program Open Space, while development projects require a twenty-five percent (25%) local match; AND

WHEREAS, the local match for the Takoma Park Community Center is supplied by existing project funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Council approves the City's Fiscal Year 2005 Program Open Space Annual Program to include the following projects:

Acquisition:	Sligo Mill Property	\$ 27,500.00
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Development:	Takoma Park Community Center	\$125,000.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City Manager is hereby directed to transmit the Fiscal Year 2005 Program Open Space Annual Programs to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2004.

ATTEST:

Catherine E. Waters, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

**Program Open Space Annual Program
Fiscal Year (FY) 2005
Montgomery County, Maryland for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland**

Introduction

The projects selected for the Program Open Space (POS) Annual Program for development projects are included in the City of Takoma Park's Budget for FY 2005. The FY 2005 program follows criteria set in previous years for general park rehabilitation and improvements in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. The City of Takoma Park maintains a healthy and safe urban forest while developing City parks and green spaces for residents, business, and visitors of the City Takoma Park.

Acquisition

The City of Takoma Park has made an agreement with M-NCPPC - Montgomery County to allocate up to \$27,500 in POS funds over a period not to exceed four years for the acquisition of the Sligo Mills property through the Legacy Open Space program. This property is meant to serve as general undeveloped open space in perpetuity for residents and visitors of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. The ultimate goal is to purchase the adjacent Poplar Mills property as a means of providing open space in the area. The Annual Program for Acquisition spreadsheet details project specifics.

Development Projects

The City of Takoma Park has selected the Community Center construction project as for its development program for FY 2005. The Takoma Park Community Center Capital Project will provide recreational, educational and community meeting space in the heart of Takoma Park. The facility contributes to the Smart growth standards as it will be located near local transit, is withing walking distance of a Metro station and withing walking distance of both business and residential communities.

Vision Statement

The project chosen for the FY 2005 Program Open Space (POS) Annual Program for development meets the established policy specifications. The area chosen contributes to the overall quality of life for Takoma Park residents, businesses and visitors alike. The Community Center will contribute to the beautification of the City and provide additional green space in an urban setting that supports economic development and revitalization efforts by the City of Takoma Park. This project also contributes to the State of "Maryland's long term commitment to conserving natural resources while providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities."

**Program Open Space
Annual Program for Development
Fiscal Year 2005**

Montgomery County, Maryland for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Sponsor / Map Locator #	Project Name & Description	Project Acreage	Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
			Total	Local	State	Federal
City of Takoma Park, Maryland - DPW/ 1	Takoma Park Community Center - This project will include the construction of a gym for recreational activities, the landscaping and maintenace of a picnic area, a meeting and performance space for residents, green construction, landscaping and the preservation of trees as it relates to the preservation and maintenance of the existing and surrounding green space. (See attached brochure)	3.78	\$225,000	\$125,000	\$100,000	\$0

**Program Open Space
Annual Program for Acquisition
Fiscal Year 2005**

Montgomery County, Maryland for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Sponsor / Map Locator #	Project Name & Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Cost	Local	State	Federal
City of Takoma Park DPW-ECD / 1	Sligo Mill - \$27,500* This project will preserve existing developed parcels in an existing neighborhood in Takoma Park. Provides a transition between an existing central business district and adjacent residential neighborhoods. This open space included some of the last remaining undeveloped parcels in the existing neighborhood. It represents a rare opportunity to retain existing green space.	2.78 acres	6 acres	6 acres		In kind maintenance by the City of Takoma Park, MD.	\$27,500	
	Poplar Mill - This adjacent property may also be acquired by Montgomery County as urban open space. *This land was purchased by M-NCPPC per the agreement that Takoma Park allocate \$27,500 of its POS funds for four years (2003-2006). M-NCPPC will deduct this amount from annual available balance.	3.21 acres						